Sale for enforcement of lien. Advertisement.

Time and place.

Sale at auction for cash.

Disposal of proceeds.

Surplus to owner. Payment to county treasurer.

Proviso: refund of surplus.

Duty of sheriff.

Failure a misdemeanor.

Punishment.

Rules and regulations.

Acts declared misdemeanor.

Damaging vats felony.

Punishment.

Effect of law on offenses heretofore committed. shall be sold by the sheriff of the county after twenty days advertising at the courthouse door and three other public places in the immediate neighborhood of the place at which the animal was taken up for the purpose of tick eradication. The said advertisement shall state therein the time and place of sale, which place shall be where the animal is confined. The sale shall be at public auction and to the highest bidder for eash.

Out of the proceeds of the sale the sheriff shall pay the cost of publishing the notices of the tick eradication process, including dipping, cost of feeding and caring for the animals and cost of the sale, which shall include one dollar and fifty cents in the case of each sale to said sheriff. The surplus, if any, shall be paid to the owner of the animal if he can be ascertained. If he cannot be ascertained within thirty days after such sale, then the sheriff shall pay such surplus to the county treasurer for the benefit of the public school fund of the county: Provided, however, that if the owner of the animal shall, within twelve months after the fund is turned over to the county treasurer, as aforesaid, prove to the satisfaction of the board of county commissioners of the county that he was the owner of such animal, then, upon the order of said board, such surplus shall be refunded to the owner.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the sheriff, in any county in which the work of tick eradication is in progress, to render all quarantine inspectors any assistance necessary in the enforcement of this act and the regulations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. If the sheriff of any county shall neglect, fail or refuse to render this assistance when so required, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be punishable at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 12. The Commissioner of Agriculture, by and with the consent of the State Board of Agriculture, shall have full power to promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations that may hereafter be necessary to complete tick eradication in North Carolina.

Sec. 13. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions set forth in this act or any rule or regulation duly established by the State Board of Agriculture, or any officer or inspector who shall willfully fail to comply with any provision of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 14. Any person or persons who shall wilfully damage or destroy by any means any vat erected, or in the process of being erected, as herein provided for tick eradication, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be imprisoned not less than two years nor more than ten years in the State Prison.

Sec. 15. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are continued in force so far as they affect the State offenses